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That all forms of coercion and aggression are always immoral.
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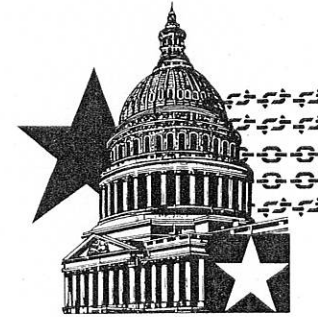
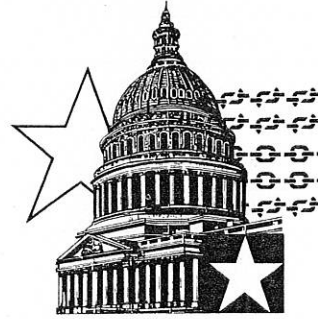
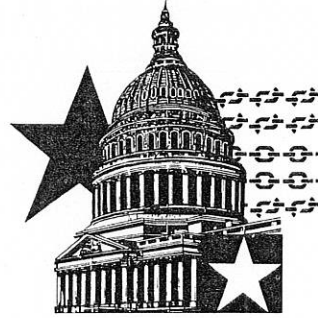
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POT MARKET

A squad of narcotic agents in San Francisco on July 20, 1977 raided the Big Top marijuana supermarket located on Castro Street. Dennis Peron, who openly operated the pot supermarket for three years, was shot in the leg and then arrested. The officer who shot Peron said that Peron pointed a loaded gun at him. Later, the police corrected the report and said that Peron had no gun.

When the agents rushed in his parlor, Peron tried to escape up stairs. He pitched a five-gallon glass water bottle down the flight of stairs the agent was climbing. Peron later said that he thought that he was being robbed by a "gang of thugs" as he had been twice in previous years.

Peron has pleaded not guilty and hopes to bring the case to a jury so that they can "express their true feelings about marijuana."

This is probably the greatest opportunity for libertarians to make a stand against marijuana laws. A jury in the city of San Francisco should easily give Peron a not guilty verdict. The case should then become historical.

A Dennis Peron Defense Committee has been formed. Society for Libertarian Life has joined this committee along with other libertarian groups.

SLL Notes

Prof. Murray Rothbard's speech last Nov. 4 at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) was a big success. The main speech was in the evening and attracted over 200 persons. The daytime speech, which was geared more for economy students, attracted around 60 students. Alan Schoff, a student at UCI, co-ordinated both speeches. ...Jeff Smith of Fullerton College has written a position paper for SLL entitled "Gay Rights and Western Civilization." Much of the material is from Prof. Ralph Raico's excellent booklet- *Gay Rights: A Libertarian Approach*. Copies of Smith's paper can be obtained through SLL...Neal Glass also has written a position paper for SLL entitled "Anarcho-Capitalism and Tax Resistance."...Kevin Kordes, a former UCI student and SLL Recording Secretary, has been elected Vice-Chair of SLL by the Executive Committee. Paul O'Neil, a student at Cypress College, has been elected to fill SLL's Recording Secretary position. ...Rick Hafer is starting a SLL chapter in Hollywood. Anyone wishing to help Rick, please write to SLL in care of Rick... SLL has sold more than half of its first edition of Robert LeFevre's great new booklet *Good Government: Hope or Illusion?* Better get your orders in soon...Howard Hinman, SLL's Corresponding Secretary and CSUF chapter chair-person, is trying to arrange another appearance of Dr. Nathaniel Branden, author of *The Psychology of Self-Esteem*, *Breaking Free* and others. Howard is also working on a number of social activities planned for this summer...Al Herrin has been elected to head a new position- Western Regional Director. Herrin will try to stimulate libertarian activities in four western states...Three more well-known libertarians have joined SLL's Advisory Board- John Matonis, a distinguished lawyer from San Diego who has been on the front line in tax resistance and in the early 1970's draft resistance; Ms. Toni Nathan, the first woman in U.S. history to receive an electoral college vote in 1972 when she ran for Vice-President (John Hospers, a professor of philosophy at USC, ran for President on the Libertarian Party ticket) and Eric Garriss who was one of the main leaders of the libertarian take-over of the Peace and Freedom Party in 1974. ...SLL has 18 palm-size self-adhesive stickers. They are listed in this edition of LR on page 6. Please consider buying some of SLL's educational material since this is our main source of funds... Rod Boyer, a former Vice-Chair of SLL, has been asked by SLL to write

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a position paper on libertarianism, christianity and anarchism. Should be one of our more interesting papers... Kevin Kordes is in charge of SLL's Spanish division. He has translated our position paper on Voluntarism into Spanish. Other translations are forthcoming... Prof. George W. Trivoli spoke on "Dollar Deficits and Inflation" at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). CSUF-SLL chapter sponsored the speech on March 29 at noon.

"Does Government Protection Protect?"

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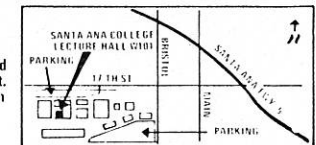
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Robert LeFevre has been the fountainhead of the west-coast libertarian movement almost since its inception. He is also one of the most controversial libertarians, especially on the subjects of libertarian justice and pacifism.

Considered as the model for Bernardo de la Paz in Robert Heinlein's *The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress*, LeFevre has an extensive career in both broadcasting and journalism. He was the editorial editor and later editor-in-chief of the *Colorado Spring Gazette-Telegraph*.

In the early 1950's, LeFevre founded the Freedom School in Colorado Springs, giving seminars which attracted people from across the country. When LeFevre moved his operations to Santa Ana, he started Rampart College and became its first president.

LeFevre is author of such classics as *This Bread Is Mine*, *The Nature of Man and His Government*, *The Philosophy of Ownership* and recently *Lift Her Up, Tenderly*. He currently publishes his own quarterly, *LeFevre's Journal*.



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Unnatural Government

By Lawrence Samuels

The legitimacy for rulership has often been placed on the premise that it is natural that someone governs over another. It is said that leaders are suppose to lead and government is suppose to be the pinnacle of leadership. Therefore, many are led to believe that it is the natural order of reality to rule and to be ruled. However, leadership and rulership are two very different animals.

It is a mistake to juxtapose leadership with rulership. The urge and desire to lead, along with leadership qualities, is inherent within many members of society. It is natural, desirable and needed. Almost everyone knows when they are in the presents of a leader. There is no need of a leader to announce his leadership abilities. Nor does a leader need a document certifying it. A leader leads and if nobody follows, then, he is not a leader.

Leadership is not necessarily a prerequisite for rulership, although it helps greatly. Rulership comes as a result of the inability of governmental leaders to persuade their constituency to follow their wishes on a voluntary basis. A ruler must then resort to threats of imprisonment or bodily harm to force his particular programs and ideas onto the people. At this point, leadership qualities become secondary; skills pertaining to string pulling, politics and power become the ruler's primary concern.

A ruler with sufficient power need not lead the masses; he needs only to lead or direct the bureaucracy and military, although this is usually an impossible task. In the long run, even the ruler with the best leadership qualities leads very few people. It is the system which the ruler has created which controls the masses. In essence, the ruler has created a Frankenstein government; chaotic disorderly, and often fatal to the people and rulers who have created system in the first place. Leadership suffers again as various political groups and parties struggle to take-over a falling rulership.

As a political struggle intensifies, the masses in the street, the military or a small oligarchy bids for power and not leadership. It is rulership they seek and little regret is given on whether they employ coercive acts to take control of political leadership positions. All in all, leadership is only important to would-be politicians. This is what they must have to reach political goals. But after power is taken by whatever means, leadership need not be used.

It is very natural to be a leader or to follow one. But perversion sets in when leadership is abandon for rulership. Leadership is perverted whenever governmental leaders rely on physical violence to force individuals in certain geographical areas to obey governmental orders. A leader need not threaten his followers or constituency with harm to get them to follow. The qualities of leadership are suppose to be of such a magnetism that followers naturally agree to support the actions of a leader. No one can deny the leadership qualities of most religious leaders, who, like Christ, had no need or desire for rulership. These leaders lead; they did not rule. People followed their words and actions voluntarily. Force was the last thing they would have employed.

It could be argued that if a political office holder cannot rally support behind his programs, then, the so-called leader has little talent to lead and therefore must have been drawn to a leadership position by its prestige and power. In either case, the natural talent to lead is missing and the liberty of others will be subject to a ruler. This is important because anyone can rule, order out the militia, dictate unjust laws or ban the opposition. But very few individuals can lead.

A clear example of a natural act becoming perverted is readily seen in sexual relations. Sex is very natural. People do it for reasons other than that they are told to by law, relatives or society. A honeymooning couple need no instructions on what to do on their honeymoon night. Even without the security of a marriage license, lovers still manage to become involve in perfectly natural relationships without formal instruction, certification or approval from the local health board. All is in accordance with the governing laws of reality. But then comes the perversion, the unnatural acts.

Sex, or any natural act, enters the realm of perversion at the moment individuals become involved as unwilling partners. A sex offense is committed at the time when sex occurs between unconsenting individuals. If a woman, for instance, allows a man to have intimate realtions with her, this may be referred to as love. But if the same woman does not consent to an intimate act, this is called "Rape." The two acts are identical, except that one is natural and the other one is unnatural. The only difference is that one act is between consenting persons and the other one is not. Without individual consent, the natural act becomes a matter of physical force; and therefore makes a natural act unnatural.

In this sense, most governments, if not all, are unnatural. The natural act of leadership is perverted by government everytime the people become unwilling partners to the commands of government. Just as the rape victim has little choice when raped, so does the citizen when forced to obey compulsory government. Whether it is under dictatorial or democratic rule, citizens have very little choice but to be ruled. In essence, the unconsenting ruled are victims of "political rape."

Government is unnatural. Its rulers are brokers of physical perversion as brutal as that of any rapist. If governments were natural by some remote chance, they would not rely on tactics which resemble those of Charles Manson. But, then again, people of Manson's ilk would find little excitement in obtaining a position of leadership if they could only lead and not rule.

Gammon's Black Holes

Conservative-libertarian Professor Milton Friedman in a Newsweek column (Nov. 7, 1977) reported on an interesting phenomenon called *Gammon's Black Holes*. Dr. Max Gammon, who recently published a five year study on the British National Health Service (NHS), concluded that something was sucking out quality and economic feasibility of a government operated national health service like a black hole. Dr.

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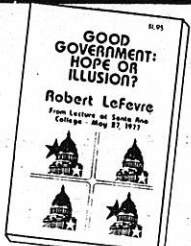
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Robert LeFevre's new booklet, 'Good Government: Hope or Illusion?' from lecture at Santa Ana College in May, 1977. LeFevre discusses the nature of government, why government is neither good nor limited; and why he believes in 'Law and Order' but not in government. (price: \$1.95 each, 2/\$2.75, 5/\$8.00).



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Gammon coined the phrase *Theory of Bureaucratic Displacement* to explain the phenomenon. Friedman referred to it as Gammon's Black Holes.

Gammon wrote that in "a bureaucratic system...increase in expenditure will be matched by fall in production...Such systems will act rather like 'black holes,' in the economic universe, simultaneously sucking in resources, and shrinking in terms of 'emitted' production."

Gammon gave examples. In eight year "between 1965 and 1973, the total number of staff employed in NHS hospitals in Great Britain increased" by 28 per cent (and administrative and clerical staff by 51 per cent). Yet, "the average number of beds occupied daily" declined by just over 11 per cent. Gammon further points out that the long waiting list for beds during those eight years ensures that the number of beds occupied is a valid measure of output. As Friedman observed, input was up, but output was down.

To further prove the validity of Gammon's Black Holes, Friedman cites the public school system in the United States. Predominantly operated by the government, the public school system from the years 1971-72 to 1976-77 increase 8 per cent in professional staff, 68 per cent increase per pupil in dollars (21 per cent increase after adjusting for inflation). Input clearly up.

However, the number of pupils went down 4 per cent and the number of schools also declined to 4 per cent. Plus, many may argue that quality in public schools also declined when considering two decades of almost constant declines in SAT scores of high-school graduates. Output clearly down.

Friedman gives a final example. The quote comes from a New York Times article (Aug. 21, 1977) stating, "The New York City government provided about the same level of services in 1976-77 as in the previous fiscal year but, thanks to improved productivity, did it with 12,000 fewer employees." Friedman concludes, "That is, reduced input (government employees) result in higher output (level of services)."

Friedman explains this phenomenon as part of C. Northcote Parkinson's famous law which says, *work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion*. Further, Friedman explains that it is the nature of the bureaucracy to act in this manner everytime. Friedman writes, "In a (free) market, we can pursue our self-interest only by persuading people to buy what we have to sell, hence we are driven to serve our customers' interests. In a government bureaucracy that is exempt from competition, the customers have nowhere else to go. Their interests are largely irrelevant. Hence, the bureaucrat can serve his self-interest at their expense by expanding his empire and reducing his workload."

Obviously, the people are not at fault. It is the system which causes the displacement of resources. However, blame can also be pinned on those who argue for the replacement of the "Economic Market" for the "Political Market."

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Peron has gone on a lecture tour and arrangements are in the works to have SLL sponsor a speech by Peron in Southern California. Peron has already made waves when he spoke at San Francisco State and gave out free joints to the crowd of 300 students.

Space Habitats: Libertarian Sanctuaries?

By Kevin Kordes

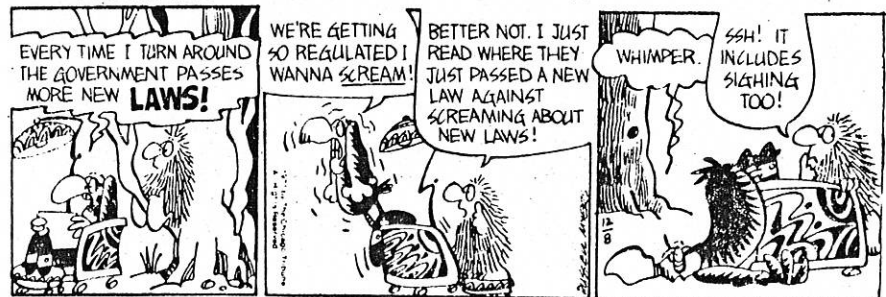
The concept of space habitats for human colonization has been popularized in recent years by Dr. Gerrard O'Neil of Princeton University, as well as other zealous scientists and futurologists. The idea entails the construction of massive aluminium cylinders which would be several miles long that would possess an environment that would simulate earth-like living conditions, complete with flora and fauna and individual dwellings. Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? Maybe, but it is possible and, according to scientists and engineers, well within the limits of present-day technology. It did not take long before some persons realized that the colonization of space would be the ultimate way of escaping earthly government oppression.

To most libertarians it appears that government is here to stay on earth, and there is little that one can do about it because libertarians are in such a small minority. It may be decades, even centuries before libertarian ideas begin to supersede the idea of statism that has dominated the societies of planet earth for thousands of years. Some will argue that there are plenty of sanctuaries here on earth that freedom-loving persons may be able to retreat to in order to escape the government. This may be true, but one must realize that the population of the earth is expanding at a precipitous rate (so are the governments of the world) that soon there will be no place to retreat to on this planet without becoming subject to the irrational laws of the government. This is why the idea of space colonization appears to be enticing to some people. It not only provides a means of escaping the government, but it also provides an immediate solution to the problem.

Most of the scientists and engineers that are pro-space colonization contend that the only way that space colonies can be built is with the help of government (they usually cite the NASA space program as proof for their argument). What these scientists and engineers do not realize is that without industry there would be no sophisticated spacecraft or moon landings.

Conversing with several aerospace engineers and scientists, I learned that the entire space program was managed so poorly that the

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moon landings could have been accomplished at a fraction of the cost that NASA paid. In fact, most of them had agreed with me that the government actually hindered the technological progress of the aerospace industries political and bureaucratic bullshit. Therefore, if space colonies are to be a reality in the near future, industry must be free to construct its own space facilities in order to build colonies in space.

Space colonization for industry is economically feasible because of the need for vacuum and zero-gravity conditions necessary for the manufacturing of high-technology items. With the introduction of nuclear fusion, which some physicists say is possible in the next few years, space vehicles would be capable of economical earth to space transportation of passengers. This would mean the colonization of other planets, with possibilities to create societies based upon the laws of nature rather than the irrational laws of statist earth.

Yet, the problem still remains here on earth in order to hinder us from reaching for the stars: the State. What if the government does not want industry to build space stations? How will we be able to get off of the planet earth in the first place? These are the perplexing questions that are facing industry, scientists and others who desire to go into space. It appears that the prerequisite for economical space flight would be for the government to leave industry and scientists unhindered. Until then, there will be no space colonies or sanctuaries for freedom.

Government Protection?

The combination of a service like protection and politics just does not mix well. Abuse is inevitable since the public police enjoy a monopoly on protection in a certain region. Government refuses to allow free competition in protection because few would buy the type of protection the government has to offer.

For instance, a recent Associated Press article reported that all 15 police officers in Robbins, Illinois were fired amid charges of "armed robbery, burglary and car theft" (March 7, 1978). Apparently, this is not the first time the police of this Chicago suburb of 9,600 have been accused of assaults against citizens, shakedowns and thefts. Associated Press reported that, "The entire force was suspended in 1970 after two people were shot to death by police."

The village trustees voted 3-1 to fire the police force. Douglas Polsky, attorney for the village, said that, "Evidence was not inventoried, bond money and narcotics have disappeared, there have been a large number of brutality complaints, and police have been accused of armed robbery, burglary and car theft." Polsky said police have neglected to respond to calls and have failed to testify in court.

"Our jails had to be closed because it was not meeting the minimum standards, the men are not well trained, there have been fights between police and between police and citizens," Polsky added.

"No files are being maintained, a gun shop in the village has declared itself off-limit to our police and four of our policemen don't even have driver's licenses."

FOR YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT

By Howard Hinman

This column is the first in what I expect will become a series in the *Libertas Review*. It is thus appropriate that I spellout its purposes. My main goal is to present information that you, the reader can make use of. Since the bulk of our readership is in Southern California, I will concentrate on events in this area. Further, I intend to present quotes that I feel are witty and/or timely. Finally, I shall present my views on the subjects of the day. Sources will be acknowledged whenever possible.

Ken Gregg is hosting a monthly discussion group on libertarian figures in history. Past persons discussed include Thomas Paine, Thomas Hodgskin and Lysander Spooner. While discussing Paine, the group considered his works- *Common Sense* and *The Rights of Man*. Hodgskin was also a rather interesting character. He was the first truly individualist classical liberal, a real contrast to the utilitarians. Thomas Hodgskin also founded the first polytechnic institute in London circa 1825. Despite all of this, including his contributions to the famous journal *The London Economist*, he is almost unknown today. Spooner is better known. He was one of the most radical individualists who ever lived. His ideas are reflected in the present-day writings and/or speeches of many people, including Galumbos and Murray Rothbard. Lysander Spooner appears to be the first to distinguish between the labor theory of entitlement and the labor theory of value. For more information on these on going discussion meetings, drop Ken a line at - Kenneth Gregg, Jr., P.O. Box 2790, Long Beach, CA 90801. (Source: Newsletter of the First Libertarian Church).

It is really amazing to think how few people provided the basic impetus for the current wave of airline deregulation! Certainly, among the most important were a handful of libertarian/somewhat libertarian economists who worked in the Ford administration. In case, you are not aware, the international airlines have their own cartel, the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Also, many airlines are State owned. Icelandair is not a member of the cartel, and undercuts its prices. Pan Am is thinking of pulling out. Letters of support would be appropriate. Of course, let us not forget that battler, Freddie Laker.

Those of you who engage in lobbying/letter writing might be interested in- Libertarian Advocate, P.O. Box 3117, Falls Church, VA 22043. They are billed as 'a pro-freedom lobbying and advocacy organization.' Alan Bock is the director. (Source: *Reason*, April 1978).

Overheard in a discussion between several famous West Coast libertarians; an interesting comment on the 'Objectivist Theory of Romantic Love.' I will paraphrase it. 'If you should only go to bed with your highest value, and if you are your own highest value; then, you should spend your time f---ing yourself!' The maker of the foregoing has asked to remain anonymous.

Your comments, criticisms and information are always welcome. Simply write me at the Cal State Fullerton address.